

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** SB0370

**Title:** Clarify responsibility for medical expenses in detention centers

**Primary Sponsor:** Gebhardt, K

**Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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## Fiscal Summary

	<b>FY 2004 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2005 Difference</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	(\$185,716)	(\$185,716)
General Fund	\$21,263	\$21,263
<b>Revenue:</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	\$164,453	\$164,453

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact    | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

#### **Department of Justice**

1. If the courts follow the provisions proposed in the bill, the result would be less general fund money being spent on prisoner per diem.
2. The Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) is appropriated \$928,582 to pay for prisoner confinement and medical costs in FY 2003.
3. MHP arrests a different type of population than the Department of Corrections.
4. Therefore, MHP assumes 20 percent of those incarcerated will have the ability to pay and the general fund will save \$185,716 per year.

#### **Department of Corrections**

5. The medical costs of an offender arrested by the Department of Corrections who is a probation violator will no longer be paid by the county in which District Court retains jurisdiction during the time from arrest to court revocation.
6. There are approximately 650 offenders of this type arrested by the department annually.
7. The department assumes that out of this type of population, none of the offenders will have the ability to pay.

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8. The time from arrest to disposition in District Court is estimated as follows: 50 percent or 325 offenders will stay four days; 25 percent or 163 offenders will stay 16 days; and 25 percent or 162 offenders will stay 35 days.
9. Medical costs are estimated at \$2.22 per day for offenders in this category.
10. Estimated costs calculation:  $325 \times \$2.22 \times 4 = \$2,886$ ;  $163 \times \$2.22 \times 16 = \$5,790$ ;  $162 \times \$2.22 \times 35 = \$12,587$ ; Total = \$21,263 per year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 2004 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005 Difference</u>
<b>Department of Justice</b>		
<b>Highway Patrol Division (13)</b>		
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	(\$185,716)	(\$185,716)
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$185,716)	(\$185,716)
<b>Department of Corrections</b>		
<b>Contract Beds (03)</b>		
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$21,263	\$21,263
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$21,263	\$21,263
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$164,453	\$164,453